

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I claim notice. This information has not been collected. It should really form a separate question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Was any copyist appointed as acting or permanent clerk, in any of the Taluk Offices or Magistrates' Courts, in 1110?

PRESIDENT: Part (c) of the question only says—

(c) 'whether they are aware that, overlooking the claims of the clerks, fresh hands are being entertained as acting clerks in the Taluk Offices and Magistrates' Courts'.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): And, I now want to know how many clerks were appointed in the Taluk Offices and in the Magistrates' Courts in 1110—

PRESIDENT: Overlooking the claims—

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I shall put that part of the question separately.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware of the appointment of any copyist as clerk in the Taluk Offices or in the Magistrates' Courts, in the year 1110?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In the circumstances, how does the honourable member explain the answer 'No'?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not see any inconsistency in the answer, Sir.

PRESIDENT: The question was whether the Government were aware, and the answer says 'No'. I do not think the answer is capable of varied interpretations.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any waiting list of clerks and copyists who have acted as clerks in the Taluk Offices and Magistrates' Courts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Waiting lists are generally maintained only of acting hands who have no substantive appointments. The copyists of the Judicial Department have substantive appointments. Since the copyists of the Revenue Department have no substantive appointments, the waiting lists of acting clerks of the Taluk Offices and the Magistrates' Courts will contain only the names of such of the copyists as have acted as clerks.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to look into the matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Working of the P. W. D. Workshops.

83. **MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the profit and loss account in regard to the working of the P. W. D. Workshops for the year 1109?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): A statement showing the profit and loss account of the P. W. D. Workshop manufacture for 1109 M. E. is laid on the table.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Has any agreement been entered into by the P. W. D. Workshop?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No, so far as I am aware.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): When was this P. W. D. Workshop separated?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Separated from what?

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): When was it given a separate establishment?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It must have been so from the outset.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): When was it constituted as a separate P. W. D. Division?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have no information. I claim notice. It must be many years ago.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the present Superintendent of the Workshop has undertaken to work it without loss?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): He has not, so far as I am aware.

PRESIDENT: My great difficulty, Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, is this. Whenever you speak, I cannot hear a single word. I am here to see whether questions put are relevant or not. Please raise your voice.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Has the Chief Engineer warned the Superintendent for the loss on account of the Workshop in 1109?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know why he has not done it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): May I know why he should do it?

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): I want to know why the Chief Engineer has not asked for the explanation of the Superintendent of the Workshop for the loss of Rs. 14,000 odd incurred in 1109.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The present Superintendent was in charge of the Workshop only for about six months in 1109. The loss is due to the heavy overhead charges fixed about eleven years ago. Customers naturally preferred to place their orders with private workshops. The over-

*Vide Appendix II.

head charges have now been reduced considerably, so that, hereafter, it is not likely that we shall incur such loss on account of the Workshop. It may yield some profit in future. In former years, prior to 1109, the Workshop was losing annually about Rs. 24,000. I must say that the reduction in the loss in 1109 was due to the present Superintendent who canvassed orders and brought down the loss as much as possible.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): In view of the loss, may I know whether the Government will consider the question of closing down the Workshop?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings, and Irrigation*): That is a question of future action, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Heads of the various Departments are placing their orders, for the stationery articles required for their Departments (*Laughter.*), with the P. W. D. Workshop?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): We find, Sir, that the P. W. D. Workshop is working at a loss due to want of orders. I am asking whether, if the Heads of the various Departments, who now give their orders for furniture, for cabinet articles (*Laughter.*), to private Workshops and contractors, are asked to place such orders with the P. W. D. Workshop, the Workshop would not have enough work, whether it could not show some profit even, if they are given large orders by all the Heads of Departments.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): There is something in Mr. S. J. Nair's point. It would certainly be in the interests of the Workshop if orders for articles required by the various Departments are placed with P. W. D. Workshop. Only the Heads of the various Departments should not take into account competition by private workshops.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware that the Executive Engineer of the Workshops is not even supplied, by the Forest Department, the timber that he requires?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Workshops Engineer purchases his timber from the Forest Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): At what rate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): He purchases it in open auction.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Why cannot he be supplied at the tariff rates?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The tariff rates are higher than the ordinary auction rates.

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Appendix II.

Vide Answer to Question No. 83.

Profit and loss account of Workshop manufacture for 1109 M. E.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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No.	Particulars.	Amount	Total.	No.	Particulars.	Amount.	Total.
			Rs. ch o.			Rs. ch o.	
	Opening balance		16,660 15 0	I	By amounts recovered as per invoice vide accounts of receipts	113,941 14 5	
II	To cash	38722-4-15					
	To Direct labour	21680-20-11	103,239 5 1	II	Closing balance (unadjusted work orders.	18,947 20 10	
	To stock	42836-7-7		III	Net loss	14,650 3 4	
III	To Overhead charges (actuals)	...					
1	Permanent Establishment-Salaries.	8706-19-1					
2	Do. T. A.	795-14-1					
18	Contingencies	688-5-5					
24	Maintenance of workshop buildings	822-7-5					
5	Do. Repairs and carriage of plant and live stock	8466-26 6					
6	Stationery and Printing	800-0-0					
7	Depreciation on plant and Machinery at 4 per cent.	2649-2-2					
8	Do. on buildings at 3 per cent.	363-23-13					
19	Interest on capital at 4 per cent.	3134-5-14					
10	Pension contribution on permanent establishment salaries at 14 per cent.	1218-26 3	27,639 18 2				
	Total	...	147,539 10 3		Total	147,539 10 3	